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A watercolor illustration of a Victorian-style house with a prominent porch. The house has a light-colored facade and a dark roof. The porch features ornate green metalwork and arched openings. A person is walking on the sidewalk in front of the house. The scene is surrounded by lush greenery and trees.

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## SNAPSHOT OF MINNEAPOLIS, 1998

	Minneapolis	Hennepin County
Population (1997)	362,090	1,075,907
Housing Units (1997)	171,628	464,295
Work Force (March, 1997)	289,900	805,407
Labor Force (March, 1998)	210,408	655,490
Unemployment Rate (March, 1998)	2.6%	1.9%
Property Tax Levy (Thousands)(Payable 1998)		
City	\$139,189	
Mpls. School District	204,999	
County	106,536	
Public Housing	937	
Other	21,449	
Total All funds	473,110	
Total Net Tax Capacity(1997 Proj.) (Thousands)	278,870	
Area of City	58.7 square miles	
Climate		
Annual Precipitation	26.5 inches	
(includes water quantity in avg. 40 inch snowfall)		
Average Temperature		
January	12° Fahrenheit	
July	72° Fahrenheit	
Overall	44° Fahrenheit	
Elected Officials		
Mayor	Park and Recreation Board (9)	
City Council (13)	Board of Education (7)	
Library Board (8)	Board of Estimate and Taxation (7)	

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This report can also be found on the Minneapolis Planning Department's web site at: [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/planning](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/planning)

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## Introduction

This **State of the City** report provides a statistical portrait of the City of Minneapolis; it describes visible signs of the city's condition and looks at patterns of change.

This is the twenty-fourth in an annual series initiated in 1975. Although each edition has varied somewhat in content, the series together provides a continuous year-by-year update in many subject areas.

The Planning Department's approach is to collect and analyze available data, as opposed to one time surveys or special research. The report depends heavily on operating agencies' data files, which are regularly updated in the course of the agencies' activities. Although this results in some delay between the time the files are generated and the time they become available for the *State of the City*, the information is still more current than that from most other sources.

Specific data sources are described at the beginning of each chapter. The sources vary, as do the time periods that can be described by available data. Where possible, data for the full year, or a portion of 1997 are described and contrasted to those of previous years. When available, additional data for a portion of 1998 have been added to reveal current signs of change. In some instances, 1990 information, especially census data, are included.

This report occasionally looks beyond the city's boundaries for comparative data. Usually, however, this report compares Minneapolis in the present to Minneapolis in the recent past to show the direction of change. In addition, information describing subareas of the city is offered, where the data are available. For example, some maps concentrate on the 11 communities. Boundaries for communities are shown on the map following the title page of this report.

Ten of the communities shown on the *State of the City* maps were designated in 1959. An 11th community, Phillips, was designated in 1978. It had previously been considered as a neighborhood within the Powderhorn Community. Data for Phillips were shown separately for the first time in the 1982 edition.

The organization of this edition again follows the organization of chapters in recent past *State of the City* reports. This has been done to facilitate possible subject content reference. For example, data series tables and charts in some chapters have been updated yearly for quite a few years. However, page space limitations have forced the deletion, in current editions, of some earlier years' data. These data can be found, however, by reference to the same chapters in earlier editions of the report.

This *State of the City* report has been produced by the staff of the Minneapolis Planning Department.

### **NRP**

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP), a major city program, is a comprehensive effort to make

Minneapolis' residential areas better places to live, work, learn, and play. It involves neighborhood-based planning and delivery of public services, guided by residents in partnership with elected officials and public agencies.

As planned, each of the city's residential neighborhoods will produce a long-range action plan. Each plan, when approved, will guide the allocation of public resources in the neighborhood. Action plans will be periodically updated.

As of Fall, 1997, 80 residential neighborhoods are actively involved in the NRP processes. The remaining residential area, the University of Minnesota, has chosen to develop its plan independently. This might be compared to the status in Fall 1991, when only 6 neighborhoods were involved, or in 1993, when the total was 33 neighborhoods.

A discussion of the city's goals in regard to neighborhood revitalization is contained in the Government Management Chapter of this report.

### **Decennial Census**

Planning for the year 2000 Decennial Census has been underway at the federal level since early in this decade. The city has been asked to partner with the Bureau of the Census to ensure the most accurate count possible. Minneapolis has established the Minneapolis Complete Count Committee to assist in developing and implementing outreach strategies for those who have been historically most difficult to enumerate. Minneapolis is also participating in various technical preparations. Individuals or organizations seeking to become involved in the outreach process in order to encourage residents to complete the survey are invited to contact the Minneapolis Planning Department.

"Census day" is April 1, 2000. Survey forms will be mailed to each household in March. In addition, forms will be available at various public facilities and community gathering places such as participating coffee shops and restaurants. Initial results will become available on December 31, 2000 when the population counts must be delivered by the Bureau of the Census to the President in order to begin the reapportionment process. In the past, it has taken up to three years for release of all the census data.

During the nation's most recent decennial census, conducted in 1990, everyone was asked seven population questions, and every household was asked seven housing questions. One in six households was asked to furnish answers to additional questions about subjects such as income, employment, educational attainment and housing.

The city acquired virtually all major 1990 Census releases. Information from these releases is discussed mainly in the Population Chapter, but also may be used in other chapters. For the 2000 Census, it is anticipated that much of the data will be made available through the Internet.



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